# FAQ's

- Is there a School Information Packet available?

  - Yes, you may pick up a packet at the School Liaison Office located in Building 522 (Welch Magnolia Guest House).  You may also contact the Fort Polk School Liaison Office @ (337) 531-9481 or DSN 863-9481 or via email tamara.krenek@polk.army.mil and we will mail a school information packet to you.

- How do I obtain a school calendar and when does school start/ finish?

  - Click on link "Vernon Parish 2005-2006 School Calendar" and download.

  - The first day of school for 2005-2006 school year is 15 August 05.  The last day of school is 25 May 2006.

- What are the Graduation Requirements for Vernon Parish?

  - Click on the link "Minimum Graduation Requirements"

- Is there a Gifted Program in Vernon Parish?

  - Yes, you must pass the Louisiana gifted entrance exam to participate in the gifted classes.  Please coordinate this effort with your child's School Guidance Counselor.

- What grades are the schools on post?

  - North Polk Elementary – Head Start, Pre-K & 1st Grades
  - South Polk Elementary – 2nd – 4th Grades

- What school will my child(ren) attend?

  - The housing area in which you reside determines the school assigned.  With some exceptions, most families residing on Fort Polk who have children in grades K-4th attend on-post schools.  Those in grades 5-12 will attend schools in Leesville.  Families who reside in Sycamore Point or Timer Ridge housing areas (off-post leased housing) and have children in grades K-12 will attend schools in the Pickering School District.

- Is my child required to attend the school he is assigned?
  - No, the Vernon Parish School Board has an "Open Enrollment Policy" that states you may enroll your child in any school within the school district with two stipulations.  One, you must agree to provide transportation for your child to and from school.  Two, the Principal of the receiving school must approve the enrollment.  This approval is usually based on space availability for your child's grade level.  The schools are required to reserve space for the "assigned" students.

- Is there bus transportation to the off-post schools?
  - Yes, bus information is available at your child's school upon enrollment.

- What are the start and dismissal times of the local schools?
  - Click on Link "School Starting & Dismissal Times".

- What color are the uniforms for Vernon Parish Schools?
  - Click on link "School Uniforms".

- What type of SPED programs does Vernon Parish have?
  - Please contact the Vernon Parish Special Education Department @ 337-239-1694.

- What type of state testing do Louisiana Students participate in?
  - LEAP 21 (High Stakes Test) 4th & 8th grades only)
  - ITBS (grades 3, 5, 6, 7)
  - ITED (9th Grade only)
  - GEE (10th & 11th) [Required for Graduation]

- What is the curriculum used in Vernon Parish?
  - State approved curriculum is used based on benchmarks and standards as required by the Louisiana State Department of Education.

- What extra-curricular activities are available at the high schools that service Fort Polk students?
  - This varies depending on the enrollment population of the school.  Most schools offer basketball, baseball, and track.  Please visit the Vernon Parish Website at www.vpsb.k12.la.us for more information.

- Is corporal punishment administered in the schools and if so, what type?
    - Yes, corporal punishment (paddling) I s allowed in the state of Louisiana.  However, most schools will allow parents to sign an agreement to pick their child up from school if they do not want their child paddled.  Please make your request known upon registering your child for school.

- What age can my child(ren) start Kindergarten?
    - Your child must be 5 years of age by September 30th.

- What private schools are located in the Fort Polk area?
    - Click on the link "Private Schools".

- What types of Pre-school programs are in the Fort Polk area?
    - Click on the link "Pre-schoool information".

- What information is needed to register my child in Vernon Parish School System?
    - Click on the link "Basic Enrollment Requirements".